

**Remarks**

**A. Pending Claims**

Claims 531-556, 558-609, 623-625, 665-706, and 5150-5194 are pending. Claims 561 and 601 have been amended to clarify the claims.

**B. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection**

The Examiner rejected claims 531-556 and 558-569 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 176-213 of copending U.S. Application No. 09/841,638. Applicant disagrees that a terminal disclaimer is needed over U.S. Application No. 09/841,638. In the interest of expediency, however, a terminal disclaimer is being submitted as a separate document.

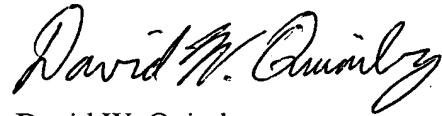
**C. Additional Comments**

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Fee Authorization is enclosed to cover fees associated with filing of the enclosed information disclosure statement. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-09600/EBM.

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